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**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CANNING JAR STRAINER

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



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**CANNING JAR STRAINER**

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STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(F) AND 1.27(B)) – INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **CANNING JAR STRAINER** described in the specification filed herewith.

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